INTERNATIONAL PICTURES

Taj mahal

<http://www.nomadicmatt.com/photos/blog%20pics/historicalplaces/Taj%20Mahal.jpg>

In 1631, Shah Jahan, emperor during the [Mughal empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mughal_empire)'s period of greatest prosperity, was griefstricken when his third wife, Mumtaz Mahal, died during the birth of their fourteenth child, [Gauhara Begum](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gauhara_Begum).[[4]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taj_Mahal#cite_note-3) In her dying breath, Mumtaz Mahal urged Shah Jahan to build a mausoleum for her that the world has never seen before.

Taj Mahal 01 .jpg.



<http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/e/ed/Taj_Mahal_in_India.jpg>

Shah Jahan granted his wife's wish, and construction of the Taj Mahal began in 1632, one year after her death.[[5]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taj_Mahal#cite_note-TajMahalHistory-4) The court chronicles of Shah Jahan's grief illustrates the love story traditionally held as an inspiration for Taj Mahal. The construction of Taj Mahal begun soon after Mumtaz's death with the principal mausoleum completed in 1648. The surrounding buildings and [garden](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Garden) were finished five years later.

Taj Mahal02.jpg.

Sydney olympic stadium.

<http://www.ryu.titech.ac.jp/~ysep/student/ysep2003/present/sydney/images/64c-big.jpg>

The 2000 Olympics feature the largest Olympic stadium ever. At a cost of about $400 million to build, Stadium Australia can seat up to 110,000 spectators. Construction began in September 1996 and was completed in March 1999. The stadium's design was inspired by the Australian slouch hat, or akubra. State-of-the-art features enhance the energy efficiency, ventilation and natural lighting.

Olympics01.jpg.



<http://home.iprimus.com.au/dantm/stad/TelstraStadium2004.jpg>

Stadium Australia's capacity of 110,000 was the largest in Olympic history at the time. Sydney's Olympic Stadium, being built at a cost of A$665 million will be the centrepiece of Sydney Olympic Park at Homebush Bay. The winning consortium, Stadium Australia, was selected by the NSW Government to design, construct, finance and operate the Olympic Stadium. Reinventing the rings. Sydney Summer Olympics depend less on commercial sponsorship, more on responsible financing

Eiffel tower

Eiffel-tower01.jpg.

<http://www.destination360.com/europe/france/images/s/eiffel-tower.jpg>

Named after its designer, engineer [Gustave Eiffel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gustave_Eiffel), the Eiffel Tower is the [tallest building in Paris](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tallest_structures_in_Paris). More than 200,000,000 people have visited the tower since its construction in 1889, including 6,719,200 in 2006, making it the most visited paid monument in the world. Including the 24 m (79 ft) antenna, the structure is 324 m (1,063 ft) high (since 2000), which is equivalent to about 81 levels in a conventional building.

Effel-tower02.jpg.

When the tower was completed in 1889 it was the world's tallest tower — a title it retained until 1930 when [New York City](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_City)'s [Chrysler Building](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chrysler_Building) (319 m — 1,047 ft tall) was completed. The tower is now the fifth-tallest structure in France and the tallest structure in Paris, with the second-tallest being the [Tour Montparnasse](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tour_Montparnasse) (210 m — 689 ft), although that will soon be surpassed by [Tour AXA](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tour_AXA) (225.11 m — 738.36 ft).

Niagara falls01.jpg.



<http://www.cse.buffalo.edu/cocoon2009/images/Niagara_Falls_Horseshoe%20Falls.jpg>

The Niagara Falls are voluminous [waterfalls](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Waterfall) on the [Niagara River](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Niagara_River), straddling the [international border](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canada%E2%80%93United_States_border) between the [Canadian province](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Provinces_and_territories_of_Canada) of [Ontario](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ontario) and the [U.S. state](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S._state) of [New York](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York). The falls are 17 miles (27 km) north-northwest of [Buffalo, New York](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buffalo,_New_York) and 75 miles (120 km) south-southeast of [Toronto, Ontario](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toronto), between the [twin cities](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twin_cities_(geographical_proximity)) of [Niagara Falls, Ontario](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Niagara_Falls,_Ontario), and [Niagara Falls, New York](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Niagara_Falls,_New_York).



Niagara Falls02.jpg.

<http://www.ncsy.ca/ktml2/images/uploads/niagara.jpg>

Niagara Falls were formed when glaciers receded at the end of the [Wisconsin glaciations](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wisconsin_glaciation) (the last [iceage](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ice_age)), and water from the newly-formed [Great Lakes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Lakes) carved a path through the [Niagara Escarpment](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Niagara_Escarpment) en route to the Atlantic Ocean. While not exceptionally high, the Niagara Falls is very wide. More than six million cubic feet (168,000 m³) of waterfalls over the crest line every minute in high flow and almost 4 million cubic feet (110,000 m³) on average. It is the most powerful waterfall in North America.

Pompeii01.jpg.

<http://www.scarborough.k12.me.us/wis/teachers/dtewhey/webquest/nature/images/Vesuvius%201944.jpg>

Pompeii is a ruined and partially buried [Roman](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ancient_Rome) town-city near modern [Naples](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Naples) in the [Italian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italy) region of [Campania](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Campania), in the territory of the [comune](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comune) of [Pompei](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pompei). Along with [Herculaneum](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Herculaneum), its sister city, Pompeii was destroyed, and completely buried, during a long catastrophic eruption of the [volcano](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Volcano) [Mount Vesuvius](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount_Vesuvius) spanning two days in AD 79.

Pompeii02.jpg.

<http://www.ecopolis.org/wp-content/uploads/2007/09/pompeii_the_last_day.jpg>

The volcano collapsed higher roof-lines and buried Pompeii under 60 feet of [ash](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Volcanic_ash) and [pumice](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pumice), and it was lost for nearly 1700 years before its accidental rediscovery in 1748. Since then, its excavation has provided an extraordinarily detailed insight into the life of a city at the height of the [Roman Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman_Empire). Today, it is both one of the most popular tourist attractions of [Italy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italy), with 2,571,725 visitors in 2007,[[1]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pompeii#cite_note-0) and a [UNESCO](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/UNESCO) [World Heritage Site](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Heritage_Site).